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REMARKS

In light of the Board's affirmance of the rejection of some of the applied by Examiner and its new ground of rejection of certain claims applicants have amended independent claim 1, canceled claim 5 since its limitations have now been added to claim 1 and amended the remaining claims (4 and 6) to reflect these amendments and to clarify the "portions" of the insulator used in the dependent claims.

First as to the reference relied on by the Examiner previously (Uchida), it is submitted that this reference does not protect the winding needle or the wire being wound. The flexible lips this reference uses do not define a fixed opening but will rub on both the needle as well as the wire.

Also the reference now relied on by the Board (Scherzinger et al) does not show or disclose any relation to a winding needle and most certainly fails to suggest or disclose that a winding needle is fitted between the insulators during winding. The Examiner is most courteously requested to guard against reading applicants' disclosure into this reference.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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